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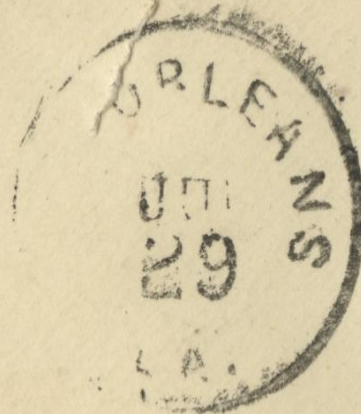
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Gen. W. S. Featherston
Holly Springs
Miss.

New Orleans July 29th 1872
Dear General

Your very kind letter
was very welcome & grateful.
In token of remembrance &
regard I sent you my
Mother's obituary, & your
response assures me that
you reciprocate those feelings
which our army relations
engendered & which with me
continue fresh & strong.

In meeting with old army
companions your name has had
frequent mention, & is always
recalled with pleasure by the
men of your command. Through
some of these I have occasionally
heard of you & of the earnestness &
success with which you pursued

the paths of peaceful life, turning
from Arms to Laws. Would my
dear Friend that I could also
be told that your earnest & decided
nature was turned into that path
which "shineth more & more unto the
perfect day," "Now is the accepted time."

My own life has been a busy
one. We have since the war
built ^{a church} & gathered a membership of
over four hundred, now on
our rolls. A charge that keeps
me constantly at work.

Preaching appointments at
missionary points in our Presbytery
will prevent my accepting your
very kind invitation to visit you,
in either August or September. Next
year I should be happy to do so.

I remember with pleasure
my brief acquaintance with
Mrs. T. Please present her my regards.

Our old Assistant Charles
Reilson has had a severe affliction.
His wife is here in the Louisiana
Retreat, her physician (Dr. Brickell)
feared incurably insane. Reilson
desired me to visit ^{her} but as yet
she knows no one.

Our weather though warm
is tempered by pleasant breezes, &
our city quiet & dull though very
healthy. The world of politics is
astir, but the stir casts up mire
& dirt. Our bondage is hard &
bitter, & we often say, "How long?"

Praying & hoping for better
days, I remain, with earnest
desires for your present &
eternal welfare

Yr Sincere Friend
Thos R. Markham